IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

DAIMLER CHRYSLER)
CORPORATION,)
Plaintiff,) CIVIL ACTION
) FILE NO.
V.)
)
RHONDA FLOWERS,)
)
Defendant.)
	COMPLAINT

COMES NOW, the Daimler Chrysler Corporation, by and through undersigned counsel, and for its Complaint against the Defendant, states and alleges as follows:

NATURE OF ACTION, PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This is an action for equitable relief to enforce the terms and preserve the assets of an employee welfare benefit plan under the terms of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 29 U.S.C. §1000-1461.
- 2. Plaintiff is a fiduciary of a self-funded employee welfare benefit plan (hereinafter "DC Plan"). Plaintiff is authorized to bring this action on behalf of all DC Plan participants to enforce the terms of the Plan and to protect the assets of the Plan under 29 U.S.C. §1132(a)(3) and federal common law.
- 3. This is an action for the imposition of a constructive trust and/or equitable lien over identifiable funds in the possession and/or control of the Defendant. No money damages are being sought from the Defendant in this matter.

- 4. Defendant Rhonda Flowers is a resident of the State of Delaware and may be personally served at her residence at 19 Wellington Drive, Newark, Delaware 10702.
- 5. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331 as this is an action to enforce the terms of an employee welfare benefit plan under ERISA and federal common law.
- 6. Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §1132(e)(2) venue is proper in this Court because the Defendant resides in this district and the breach of the Plan provision has occurred and is occurring in this district.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 7. At all times relevant herein, Defendant Flowers was a beneficiary in the DC Plan.
- 8. On or about July 1, 2003, Defendant Flowers sustained personal injuries in slip and fall accident.
- 9. As the result of injuries sustained by the Defendant in the aforementioned accident, the DC Plan paid medical benefits in the amount of \$32,748.15 on her behalf.
- 10. The DC Plan contains an express provision that provides that Plan beneficiaries must fully reimburse the DC Plan from payments received from insurers as a result of injuries caused by third parties. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the applicable provisions of the Plan, which are incorporated by reference herein.
- 11. Upon information and belief, Defendant Flowers pursued a negligence claim against the person or persons responsible for the aforementioned accident.
- 12. Upon information and belief, Defendant Rutledge settled the aforementioned negligence claim and has received payments totaling \$67,000.
- 13. Upon information and belief, all or part of the settlement proceeds are within the actual or constructive possession of Defendant Flowers.

14. Despite repeated requests, the Defendant has failed to reimburse the plan from the proceeds of the settlements; and has thereby breached the terms of the DC Plan and ERISA.

COUNT I: CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST

- 15. Plaintiff hereby re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 14, above.
- 16. Pursuant to §1132(a)(3), the Plaintiff seeks equitable relief against the Defendant to enforce ERISA and the terms of the Plan.
- 17. Upon information and belief, the Defendant is in actual or constructive possession of settlement proceeds and is therefore in possession of funds that as a matter of equity and good conscience belong to the DC Plan.
- 18. The Plaintiff, through its agents, has sent notice to all known parties of its rights under the DC Plan.
- 19. The Defendant has refused to turn over the settlement funds according to the provisions of the Plan. Defendant's refusal violates the terms of the Plan and ERISA. Plaintiff is entitled to equitable restitution in the form of a constructive trust or equitable lien with respect to the disputed funds held in constructive possession by the Defendant.
- 20. The Defendant should be ordered to turn over to the Plaintiff any settlement funds in the Defendant's actual or constructive possession (up to the amount of the benefits advanced by the Plan on his behalf) in order to enforce the terms of the Plan and ERISA. WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff seeks the following relief:
 - a. For service upon the Defendant as required by law;
 - b. An order imposing a constructive trust and/or an equitable lien in favor of the Plaintiff upon any funds or any property into which they have

been converted which is in the Defendant's possession or under the Defendant's control;

- c. An order enjoining the Defendant from dissipating any of the settlement funds until Plaintiff's rights can be adjudicated;
- d. An order enjoining the Defendant from transferring or disposing of the settlement funds which would prejudice, frustrate or impair Plaintiff's ability to recover same;
- e. An order awarding to Plaintiff reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred herein, pursuant to section 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(1); and
- f. Other and further equitable relief to which the Plaintiff may be entitled.

This 12th of February, 2007.

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by the Corporation. As a result, in the vast majority of cases, there will be no reimbursement to the plan(s) however:

- a. The plan(s) will cooperate with the Corporation on any case where such settlement requires reimbursement so that an equitable agreement can be reached for reimbursement of the plan(s) payments.
- b. The exclusionary provisions pertaining to workers' compensation shall not be used against Enrollees for future covered services relating to a prior case which was redeemed by the Corporation.

II. SUBROGATION

A. General

In the event that an Enrollee receives services that are paid by the Program, or is eligible to receive future services under the Program, the Program shall be subrogated to the Enrollee's rights of recovery against, and is entitled to receive all sums recovered from, any third party who is or may be liable to the Enrollee, whether by suit, settlement or otherwise. An Enrollee shall take such action, furnish such information and assistance, and execute such documents as the Program may request to facilitate enforcement of the rights of the Program and shall take no action prejudicing the rights and interests of the Program.

B. Other Provisions

The Enrollee shall promptly inform the Program of any situation or

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circumstance which may allow the Program to invoke its subrogation rights.

2. The Program rights shall be considered as the first priority claim against any third party, to be paid before any other claim is paid, whether or not the Enrollee has been made whole or has received all sums from a third party.

C. Enforcement

The Program, in its discretion, may employ the following means to protect its interests:

- a. Allow Program representatives to directly negotiate the subrogation rights with a party or their representatives against whom the Enrollee seeks recovery; or
- b. Intervene in a lawsuit, with court permission, if the Enrollee has instituted such an action against the third party; or
- c. Institute a lawsuit against the third party even if the Enrollee's claim.

 has been settled; or
- d. Institute a lawsuit against the Enrollee if settlement has been made;
 or
- e. Withhold future benefits to the Enrollee who fails to cooperate with the Program; or

f. The Program shall be entitled to collect its costs of collection and attorneys' fees in enforcing its rights under this Part.

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DAIMLER CHRYSLER CORPORATION,		RHONDA FLOV	RHONDA FLOWERS,		
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(c) Attorney's (Firm Name,	Address, and Telephone Number)	Attorneys (If Known)			
Ronald Drescher, Dresche Baltimore, MD 21208 (4)	er & Associates, 4 Reservoir Circlie, Suite	2 107			
II. BASIS OF JURISD	·	III. CITIZENSHIP OF F	PRINCIPAL PARTIES	(Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff	
☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff	■ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)		TF DEF 1 1 Incorporated or Pr of Business In This		
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		Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	1 3		
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VI. CAUSE OF ACTIO	ON Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you a 29 U.S.C. §1132(a)(3) Brief description of cause: This is a claim for equitable remedi		ai statutes uniess diversity):		
VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:	CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23		CHECK YES only JURY DEMAND:	if demanded in complaint:	
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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- I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity**. Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553
 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.